

Santa Rosa County
Emergency Medical System (EMS) Task Force Meeting
July 20, 2000

Chief Reble, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Santa Rosa County Media Center.

Members Present:

Chief John Reble
Tony Simmons
Dominic Persichini
Dr. Mathews

Staff Members Present:

Hunter walker
Dave Ling
Sheryl Bracewell
Steve Mewborn

Public:

Kay Martin

The agenda was approved as submitted (See attached).

The minutes of the June 27, 2000 meeting were approved as submitted.

A review of the monthly reports and statistics was accomplished (See attached). Reble acknowledged the some values and methods used need further evaluation during the next month.

Bracewell stated that no correspondence or other communications had been received since the last meeting.

Reble provided a synopsis of the Six Key Components of the EMS System as provided by Diane Wright at the previous meeting (See attached). A brief explanatory discussion followed. The title of Item 1 was changed from "Injury/Illness Prevention" to "Public Education" at the will of the Task Force.

The Task Force unanimously agreed to Reble's suggestion that meetings be held in less formal surroundings which facilitates the working nature of the group. The Media Center, located in the Emergency Operations Center building, was selected for future meetings.

The method established to examine the components is to closely look at each followed by an analysis of the interrelationship as a whole. An in-depth discussion of the first two Key Components was conducted with the following results:

1. Public Education

Major existing elements were identified as Pool Safety, Elderly Injury Prevention, DUI Prevention and the CPR Program. Pool safety, particularly children, and Elderly programs were identified as areas in need of an organized effort. Mathews began an extensive discussion concerning the status of CPR training programs. Persichini stated the CPR situation is approaching critical in that the major organizations have adopted requirements that are causing local agencies and organizations to look elsewhere for certification systems. The Task Force questioned what the exact requirements are for different agencies to maintain CPR currency in particular certifying agencies. Bracewell stated that problems can arise during a 911 call when, if appropriate, the caller is asked if they know CPR and the answer may cause incorrect procedures to be followed.

The expansion of CPR program. to include First Aid was suggested by Simmons and was favorably received.

Other public information programs were identified, i.e. Red E. Fox (E911), Petey Pelican (Red Cross program. for hurricanes) and other County Emergency Management/Public Information Officer efforts. Bracewell also stated that Elderly Affairs have an Alzheimers Bracelet Program. and the Santa Rosa Sheriff Office is taking the lead on the File/Vial of Life while the E911 Office will contribute.

Persichini asked the status of the health programs in the schools. This was identified as an area to be looked at further by the Task Force.

Bracewell stated that she would look into 911 brochures for all ages.

2. 911 Utilization and Dispatch

Reble brought the issue of First Responders responding to Physician's offices and other medical facilities. The procedure is not standard throughout the county. Mathews stated he supported the presence of any responder regardless of location especially with an Automatic External Defibrillator since most Physicians do not have them.

Bracewell described the 911 procedural flow and how data/statistics provide a method to evaluate system analysis. It was decided that a one page continuum be used to capture the flow chart of a 911 call.

An expanded method of analysis was discussed pertaining to which responder arrives at a scene first. The categories to be reported are as follows:

- First Responder (Fire/Rescue) arrives first.

- First Responder arrives after EMS or is cancelled while enroute by EMS.
- No response by First Responder.

No Public Comment was received.

No deliverables were identified to be provided prior to the next meeting, but will be made available at that time.

The next meeting will be 9:00 a.m. on August 3, 2000 at the Santa Rosa County Media Center located at 4499 Pine Forest Road, Milton.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.